Production of vaccine to prevent swine flu

811. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to swine flu impact demand for bio-security products has increased;

(b) if so, whether WHO has also confirmed 11168 cases of influenza HINI infection;

(c) as diseases break from animal farms, whether there is a need for greater awareness and emphasis should be laid on preventive hygiene;

(d) if so, what steps Government has taken to prepare itself to have HINI vaccine;

(e) whether WHO also convened a meeting of flu vaccine manufacturers to discuss production of pandemic vaccine against H1N1 strain; and

(f) if so, what was outcome of the discussion and to what extent India has participated in the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government of India in its guidelines advocated infection control practices for health institutions in community settings and for hospitals. The states have also been asked to procure personal protective equipments.

(b) As on 6th July, 2009 World Health Organization has reported 94,512 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 infection from 135 countries. There have been 429 deaths.

(c) Influenza A H1N1, earlier called 'Swine Flu' is transmitted from human to human and pigs or other animals are not involved.

(d) Three Indian manufacturers namely, Serum Institute of India, Pune, Panacea Biotec, Delhi and Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad have the capacity to manufacture vaccine. Drug Controller General (I) has issued license to import seed virus to these manufacturers.

(e) WHO has convened meeting of vaccine manufacturers to discuss production of pandemic vaccine.

(f) Serum Institute of India, Pune has been identified by World Health Organisation to manufacture pandemic vaccine.

Swine flu affected children

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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